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SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 61: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING. WEEKEND PRESS
ROUNDUP.

1. ONLY ONE SUNDAY PAPER, EL DIA, CARRIED A STORY ON PATTERSON'S
DISAPPEARANCE; NO NEW INFORMATION. HEADLINE READ: "DIFFERENT
VERSIONS OF JOHN PATTERSON'S DISAPPEARANCE CIRCULATE".
THE STORY GOES ON: "WHILE THE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF
THE ALLEGED KIDNAPPING OF JOHN PATTERSON INCREASES, CORRESPONDENTS
OF INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES AND OF NATIONAL PAPERS ARE
BEGINNING TO RETURN HOME."

2. SUMMING UP THE MANY POINTS OF VIEW ON THIS CASE WHICH
14 DAYS AGO SHOOK THIS STATE CAPITAL, CHIEF OF THE STATE
JUDICIAL POLICE, LIEUTENANT CORONEL FRANCISCO ARELLANO NOBLECIA,
STATED "WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING; WE DON'T KNOW IF IT IS A KIDNAPPING.
OR IF THIS MAN JUST WENT FOR A FEW DAYS VACATION TO HIS COUNTRY;
WE DON'T KNOW IF IT IS A SELF-KIDNAPPING, ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE
SOMETHING TO IT BECAUSE APPARENTLY THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY
ON THE WIFE'S SIDE. IT COULD BE SOMETHING PLOTTED BEFOREHAND,
BUT I REPEAT, WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING." LATER ARELLANO POINTED
OUT THAT HIS OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINT BUT IT
SEEMS THAT A FEW DAYS AGO THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL SECURITY
DIRECTORATE WAS IN HERMOSILLO AND HE DID GET SOME DATA SUCH
AS THE NOTE IN WHICH THE KIDNAPPERS ESTABLISHED THEIR CONDITIONS
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(FOR RELEASING PATTERSON). ARELLANO FURTHER QUOTED AS HAVING

SAID THAT "WHEN HE APPEARS, IF HE DOES, THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT
WAS TRUE IN ALL THIS AND WE WILL TAKE ACTION IF IT IS WARRANTED."

3. NEITHER MEXICO CITY NOR HERMOSILLO PRESS CARRIED ANY ACCOUNT
OF THE PATTERSON KIDNAPPING IN MONDAY EDITIONS.

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